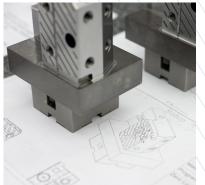
THE MEP NETWORK













Advantage Kentucky Alliance

The Advantage Kentucky Alliance Manufacturing Extension Partnership (AKA MEP) is just that, an alliance among a number of entities throughout the Commonwealth interested in seeing manufacturers innovate, grow and prosper. The AKA MEP will emphasize client services in Innovation Engineering Management Systems and other business growth strategies to help manufacturers expand and prosper

in a global marketplace. The essence of Innovation Engineering is to ensure that companies continually innovate, and so continue to be dynamic and growing, while preventing stagnation. The AKA MEP will also offer clients the business development services, such as ISO and Lean, proven approaches to improve their bottom line and therefore competitiveness.

The alliance is currently comprised of the five comprehensive universities, Murray State University, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University and the Owensboro Community and Technical College ready to assist manufacturers with technological problems. The AKA MEP represents a regional and collaborative approach to helping Kentucky Manufacturers grow and succeed in these

difficult economic times by offering innovative solutions to issues they face as business owners.

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National **MEP CLIENT IMPACTS**

Impacts are based on clients receiving services in the United States in FY2012

Total Increased/ Retained Sales



\$6.6 Billion

Total Increased/ Retained Jobs



61,139

New Client Investments



\$2.5 Billion